

HOUSE BILL 1959

By Wright

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,  
relative to career and technical opportunities.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 11, Part 4, is amended by  
adding the following as a new section:

(a) By the 2023-2024 school year, each state college of applied technology shall contract with each LEA that is located in the county in which the state college of applied technology is located to offer the students enrolled in a high school in the LEA the opportunity to complete at least one (1) of the programs available at the state college of applied technology by a student's graduation from high school. These opportunities may be provided through traditional classroom instruction, online or virtual instruction, blended learning, or other educationally appropriate methods.

(b) The general assembly encourages the board of regents to establish a state college of applied technology in each county within this state to expand career and technical opportunities.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-414, is amended by deleting subdivision (e)(1) and substituting:

(1) "Early college and career experiences" include, but are not limited to:

- (A) Early postsecondary opportunities, as defined by the department of education;
- (B) Work-based learning opportunities;
- (C) Apprenticeships;
- (D) Dual credit courses;

(E) Dual enrollment courses;

(F) Courses and examinations for which a student may earn college credit; and

(G) State college of applied technology programs offered pursuant to Section 1; and

SECTION 3. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.